

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully requests that the Commissioner exercise his supervisory authority to have the above-identified application forwarded to Examiner Keith (Art Unit 3641) so that the Examiner may acknowledge consideration of the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 27, 2000. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, Statement of Relevancy, Form PTO 1449, a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt. The Examiner is respectfully requested to properly initial each of the items listed on the Form PTO 1449 in accordance with U.S. patent practice and procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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